

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2385 - SB 2609**

February 16, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the court to require the petitioner for an order of protection to pay costs incurred by the respondent to defend the petition if the court finds that the petition was frivolous, filed for purpose of harassment, or had no basis in law or in fact.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**MINIMAL**

Assumes the ordering of the petitioner to pay the costs of the respondent will have minimal impact on state or local government expenditures.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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